

Senate Referral: S. 589 was ordered held at the desk.

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted notification of the proposed use of funds appropriated under the District of Columbia Appropriations Act of PL 108–7, the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003, to reimburse the District for emergency planning and security costs—referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 108–140).

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Order of Business—National Defense Reauthorization Conference Report: Agreed by unanimous consent that the managers on the part of the House have until 6 a.m. on Friday, November 7 to file the conference report on H.R. 1588, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces.

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:17 p.m. and reconvened at 8:16 a.m. on Friday, November 7.

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Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:17 a.m. on Friday, November 7.

Committee Meetings

APPLICATION FOR CONTRACT MARKET DESIGNATION OF U.S. FUTURES EXCHANGE LLC BEFORE CFTC

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review the application for contract market designation of the United States Futures Exchange LLC before the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. Testimony was heard from James E. Newsome, Chairman, CFTC; and public witnesses.

COMPUTER VIRUSES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing entitled “Computer Viruses: The Disease, the Detection, and the Prescription for Protection.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

“MUTUAL FUNDS: WHO’S LOOKING OUT FOR INVESTORS?”

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises concluded hearings entitled “Mutual Funds: Who’s Looking Out for Investors?” Testimony was heard from William Francis Galvin, Chief Securities Regulator, Secretary, State of Massachusetts; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Government Reform: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 2751, amended, GAO Human Capital Reform Act of 2003; H.R. 2886, amended, Department of Homeland Security Financial Accountability Act; H. Res. 274, honoring John Stockton for an outstanding career, congratulating him on his retirement, and thanking him for his contributions to basketball, to the State of Utah, and to the Nation; H. Res. 373, amended, expressing the sense of Congress with respect to the Women’s United Soccer Association; H. Con. Res. 69, expressing the sense of Congress that Althea Gibson should be recognized for her ground breaking achievements in athletics and her commitment to ending racial discrimination and prejudice within the world of sports; H. Con. Res. 299, honoring Mr. Sargent Shriver for his dedication and service to the United States of America, for his service in the United States Navy, and for his lifetime of work as an ambassador for the poor and powerless citizens of the United States of America; H. Con. Res. 313, to urge the President, on behalf of the United States, to present the Presidential Medal of Freedom to His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, in recognition of his significant, enduring, and historic contributions to the causes of freedom, human dignity, and peace and to commemorate the Silver Jubilee of His Holiness’ inauguration of his ministry as Bishop of Rome and Supreme Pastor of the Catholic Church; H.R. 2130, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 650 Kinderkamack Road in River Edge, New Jersey, as the “New Bridge Landing Post Office;” H.R. 3300, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15500 Pearl Road in Strongsville, Ohio, as the “Walter F. Ehrfelt, Jr. Post Office Building;” H.R. 3353, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 525 Main Street in Tarboro, North Carolina, as the “George Henry White Post Office Building;” S. 1590, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service, located at 315 Empire Boulevard in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, New York, as the “James E. Davis Post Office Building;” and S. 1718, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3710 West 73rd Terrace in Prairie Village, Kansas, as the “Senator James B. Pearson Post Office.”

FIRST RESPONDER INTEROPERABILITY

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations and the Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census held a joint hearing on “First Responder Interoperability: Can You Hear Me

Now?" Testimony was heard from William O. Jenkins, Jr., Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, GAO; Karen S. Evans, E-Gov/IT Director, OMB; David Boyd, Program Manager, SAFECOM, Wireless Public Safety Interoperable Communications Program, Department of Homeland Security; John Morgan, Assistant Director, Science and Technology, National Institute of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice; the following officials of the FCC: John Muleta, Chief Wireless Bureau; and Edmond Thomas, Chief, Office of Engineering and Technology; and public witnesses.

CONFERENCE REPORT—NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FISCAL YEAR 2004

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 1588, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Chairman Hunter and Representative Skelton.

SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION REPORTED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE RELATING TO NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT CONFERENCE REPORT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a resolution waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The resolution applies the waiver to any special rule reported on the legislative day of November 7, 2003, providing for consideration or disposition of a conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 1588) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

CLIMATE CHANGE TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing on What are the Administration Priorities for Climate Change Technology? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: David Conover, Director, Interagency Climate Change Technology Program; George Rudins, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Coal and Power Systems; Sally Benson, Deputy Director, Operations, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory; and Marilyn Brown, Director, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

EXAMINE RECENT FAILURE TO PROTECT CHILD SAFETY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing to Examine Recent Failure to Protect Child Safety. Testimony was heard from Representatives Andrews, Pascrell and Ferguson; the following officials of the State of New Jersey: Colleen Maguire, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Human Services; and Kevin Ryan, Child Advocate, Office of the Child Advocate; and public witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1237)

S. 3, to prohibit the procedure commonly known as partial-birth abortion. Signed on November 5, 2003. (Public Law 108–105).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold joint hearings to examine the current employment situation, 9:30 a.m., SD–628.